

Remarks/Arguments

In the specification, the paragraph beginning at page 24, line 8, has been amended to correct a typographical error. Specifically, the reference numeral "1504" has been corrected to read --1304--.

Claims 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31, 32 and 39 remain in the application.

Claims 1-13, 15-18, 20-22, 27-29, 33-38 and 40-69 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matters thereof. Claims 14 and 23, indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form, have been so rewritten.

The allowance of claims 30-32 and 39 is noted with appreciation.

Applicant believes the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (805) 373-0060 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

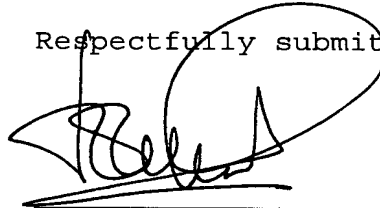
If there are any fees due in connection with the filing.

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Respectfully submitted,

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